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1.(SBU) Embassy has delivered the talking points (reftel) to the Foreign Ministers of Papua New Guinea and Vanuatu and is urgently seeking appointments (in Vanuatu's case a phone call) to follow up. We will report reactions when obtained.

12. (SBU) Solomon Islands currently does not have a functioning government. Selection of the new Prime Minister is now set for 4 May. However, the SIG Perm Rep at the UN, Colin Beck, remains in place. Suggest that USUN speak directly to him on this issue. (Note: members of the most likely new government are indicating that it might reverse a number of Solomon Islands foreign policies, switch recognition from Taiwan to Beijing for example. Much will be up in the air for a while and so the call is likely to be made by their PermRep.)

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